

Agency seeks input on shoreline restoration plan

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service want public input on a planned project to reduce shoreline erosion



on three small islands off the southeastern tip of Rosebud Island in the Mississippi River's Pool 7.

Environmental Notebook

The 2001 flood caused extensive erosion on the islands, and the remaining shoreline needs to be protected from wave action. The islands harbor aquatic vegetation

that provides habitat for fish, waterfowl, other migratory birds, mammals and amphibians.

Rock would be placed along 280 feet of shoreline on the outer island, and four offshore structures would be constructed about 50 feet from shore on the other two islands. These offshore structures would include three rock mounds and one experimental rock/log island, with a total length of about 750 feet.

These offshore structures would be built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April or May.

The FWS will take public comment on the project through March 10. Copies of the project are available at the La Crosse District Office, 555 Lester Ave., Onalaska, WI

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public comment on a construction project that would reduce shoreline erosion on some Lake Onalaska islands. Extensive erosion occurred on three small islands located off the southeastern tip of Rosebud Island (Pool 7) during the 2001 spring flood. The project would consist of placing rock along 280 feet of shoreline on the outer island and building four offshore structures about 50 feet from the existing shoreline on

the other two islands. The offshore structures include three rock mounds and an experimental rock/log island, and would be constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April or May of this year. The FWS is accepting public comment on the project through Monday, March 10. Copies of the project are available at the La Crosse District office at 555 Lester Avenue in Onalaska. For more information call 783-8405.

Have your say on island project

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants public comment on an anti-erosion project to protect three small islands found near the southeastern tip of Rosebud Island in Pool 7.

Rock would be placed along 280 feet of shoreline on the outer island. Also four offshore structures would be built near the other two islands. These would include three rock mounds and one experimental rock/log island. The total length of the four structures is about 750 feet.

Construction would be done in April or May, but may need to be completed in two stages.

Review the project at the La Crosse District Office, 555 Lester Avenue, Onalaska. Call 608-783-8405 for information.